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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to programs that address food insecurity,
2 making appropriations, and including effective date and
3 retroactive applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. PARTICIPATION IN SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS
2 TRANSFER (EBT) FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM — APPROPRIATION. The
3 department of health and human services, in coordination with
4 the department of education, shall do all of the following:

5 1. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, submit a
6 letter of intent to the United States secretary of agriculture
7 to apply for and participate in the summer EBT for children
8 program established as a permanent program under the federal
9 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, 42 U.S.C. §1762, during
10 summer 2024.

11 2. Coordinate with the United States department of
12 agriculture food and nutrition service to develop a successful
13 management and administration plan for the summer EBT for
14 children program, and submit the plan to the United States
15 secretary of agriculture by February 15, 2024.

16 Sec. 2. SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER (EBT) FOR
17 CHILDREN PROGRAM — HEALTHIEST STATE INITIATIVE COORDINATION
18 — APPROPRIATIONS.

19 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
20 to the department of health and human services for the fiscal
21 year beginning July 1, 2023, the following amount, or so much
22 thereof as is necessary, to be used for administration of the
23 summer EBT for children program as provided under the federal
24 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, during summer 2024:

25 \$ 2,900,000

26 a. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, at least
27 \$700,000 shall be used by the department of health and human
28 services to contract with the Iowa institute of public health
29 research and policy at the university of Iowa college of public
30 health to evaluate the nutritional and other health impacts of
31 the summer EBT for children program.

32 b. Any moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain
33 unexpended or unobligated at the end of the fiscal year
34 beginning July 1, 2023, shall not revert but shall remain
35 available for use in the succeeding fiscal year for the

1 purposes authorized in this subsection.

2 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
3 to the department of health and human services for the fiscal
4 year beginning July 1, 2023, the following amount, or so much
5 thereof as is necessary, to support the double up food bucks
6 program administered by the Iowa healthiest state initiative
7 to coordinate the double up food bucks program with the summer
8 EBT for children program:

9 \$ 2,800,000

10 a. Of the amount appropriated in this subsection, up to
11 10 percent may be used for promotion of the programs and for
12 public education.

13 b. Any moneys appropriated under this subsection that
14 remain unexpended or unobligated at the end of the fiscal
15 year beginning July 1, 2023, shall not revert but shall
16 remain available for use in the succeeding fiscal year for the
17 purposes authorized in this subsection.

18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
19 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

20 Sec. 4. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act applies
21 retroactively to July 1, 2023.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill relates to programs that address food insecurity.

26 The bill requires the department of health and human
27 services (HHS), in coordination with the department of
28 education, to immediately upon the effective date of the bill
29 submit a letter of intent to apply for and participate in the
30 summer electronic benefits transfer (EBT) for children program
31 made permanent by the federal Consolidated Appropriations
32 Act, 2023, administered by the United States department of
33 agriculture food and nutrition service (USDA) during summer
34 2024, to coordinate with the USDA to develop a successful
35 management and administration plan for the summer EBT program

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1 for children, and to submit the plan to the USDA by February
2 15, 2024.

3 The bill appropriates moneys from the general fund of
4 the state to HHS for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be used for
5 administration of the summer EBT for children program during
6 summer 2024. The bill authorizes the use of a portion of the
7 funds appropriated for HHS to contract with the Iowa institute
8 of public health research and policy at the university of Iowa
9 college of public health to evaluate the nutritional and other
10 health impacts of the summer EBT for children program.

11 The bill also appropriates moneys from the general fund
12 of the state to HHS for fiscal year 2023-2024 to support
13 the double up food bucks program administered by the Iowa
14 healthiest state initiative to coordinate the double up food
15 bucks program with the summer EBT for children program. The
16 bill authorizes the use of up to 10 percent of the amount
17 appropriated for promotion of the programs and public
18 education.

19 The bill takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively
20 applicable to July 1, 2023.